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Re: Comments on draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

After reviewing the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and draft Nevada Rail Corridor/ Alignment Environmental Impact Statement, I have identified several issues regarding both documents that should be addressed by the DOE in the course of developing both Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS).

1 [ Using the Yucca Mountain site to 'dispose' of nuclear waste is a very risky and therefore an unexceptable choice as a

nuclear waste repository. Any simple geological study will show the many geological fault lines that run through and near the Yucca Mountain area.


Yucca Mountain is extremely unstable to be used as a site for nuclear storage with the unpredictable weather and geological changes that are expected in that area.

There are serious risks associated with the 'disposing' and transportation of nuclear waste. One of the most deadly waste materials on earth, nuclear waste should be stored on-site, in retrievable casks, and not transported across the country. There is an extremely high liklihood that there will be adverse impacts to the drinking water supply, impacts from truck transport of nuclear waste, socio-economic impacts, impacts to cultural resources, and environmental justice issues. A key example of the disastrous impacts a spill will have is the 1955 Stringfellow incident.

Link: <http://www.ccae.org/2006/Issues/Stringfellow/Museum/acid.html>

A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain creates a false sense of security for using nuclear energy while we should be focusing on alternative renewable energy sources.

Overall, the research on this site clearly shows that storing nuclear waste in this area is not safe or ethical and I do not wish to see this project carried out. For these and other reasons, Yucca Mountain is unacceptable as a nuclear waste repository.

Sincerely,   
Alicia Vargas